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# Sex Trafficking in Arizona: Dynamics, Demand-Reduction & Offender Accountability

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# DEMAND REDUCTION: Challenges & Successes

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The mission of CEASE Arizona is to eradicate sex trafficking in the State of Arizona by focusing on the demand for paid sex through awareness, prevention, education and disruption of prostitution transactions online.

#### THE ISSUE

Sexual exploitation is a complex problem. It requires a structured strategy that incorporates a mix of tactics to stop sex buying, empower the victim, and evolve our society's understanding about the realities of prostitution.



- ➤ Those who purchase sex fuel the illegal sex industry.
- most women in prostitution do not have a choice.
- the men who buy sex....they <u>always</u> have a choice



### **Buyer Arrests**

less than 200 a year

"When people accept breaking the law as normal, something happens to the whole society" – Orson Welles



"If you commit any other crime,you pay the price.
Why should buying sex be different?"





## **BIG**

CONCEPT

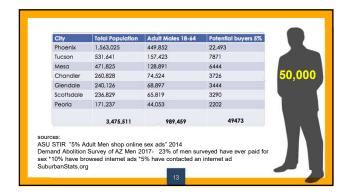
If there were no buyers, there would be no business for the pimps and traffickers and no victims of human trafficking.

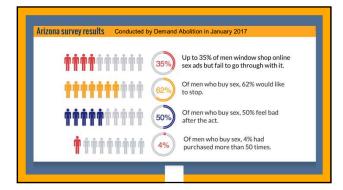


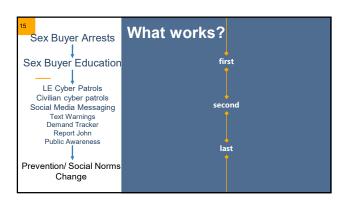
2% of the buyers account for 75% of transactions.

Over 10% transactions occurring in illicit massage parlors- the more they buy, the less they spend

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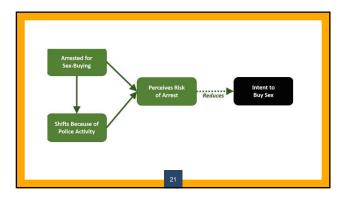




BUY SEX = LOSE EVERYTHING

ITS NOT WORTH IT.

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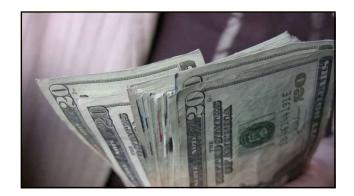


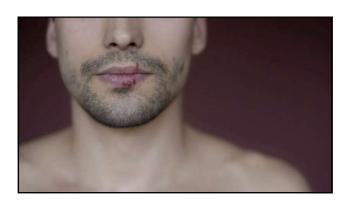








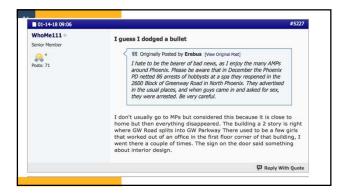




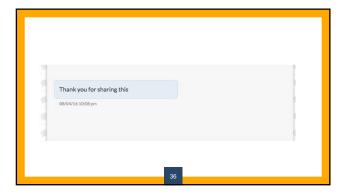


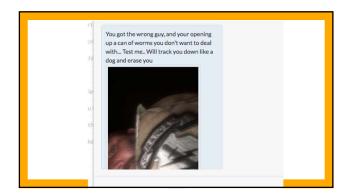


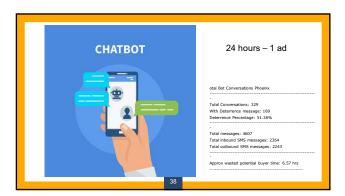


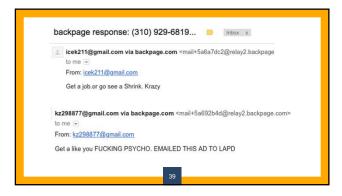


# CHALLENGES 1. Size of problem; response has to be significant 2. Law enforcement priority, turnover, resource constraints 3. Long term strategy – not going to end demand in short term 4. Institutionalizing anti-demand efforts and language into all antisex trafficking work in Arizona









2018	Social Norms focus, not just individual buyers     Illicit Massage Parlors are the new "safe place" to buy sex     Lack of media coverage     Business sector- multi-sector approach     Harms of pornography awareness and education critical in the long term strategy to end sexual exploitation     Deploy technology: chat bot     Continue existing tactics: social media messaging, google ad words, text campaigns     Continue to educate/ train anyone that will listen to our message

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